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to know how prone interior politicians are to facilitate change, the Post returns to the history of General Taylor's administration, and says:

"The first inkling of the possibility of Clayton's premiership that his resignation was not precluded in the Marshall, and so some of the most important of the decisions of the war was the slightest ground for anticipating any such event."

So the Post never having been "the slightest ground for anticipating" the resignation of Clayton, directly the reverse of the assertions made in the fact column, and the fact column on different occasions Mr. Clayton made up his mind to resign the cabinet, and once his formal and absolute resignation was received, the Post says that "the cabinet was left the department, shut himself up in his house, and for several days refused to see visitors. Even then Taylor himself was admitted to see him, and the resignation was withdrawn, but Mr. Clayton was fully de-

terminated not to remain long in office at the time of Gen. Taylor's death. The controversy about the Galphin-claims was never broken up. The cabinet had the old General live.

How long President Pierce's cabinet will remain intact time must determine. The *Intelligencer* says he received the support of the entire democratic party of every section and of every stripe, and it was felt that he had been given the support of the entire party. It is not clear, however, in his cabinet. Nobody blames him for this, and doubtless those gentlemen came together with the discreet determination to keep in abeyance former antagonisms. But to assume, as the official paper does, that these antagonisms are resolved, and incapable of being at a moment suddenly rekindled, is to assume too much.

**From New Mexico.**  
[From the (Washington) National Intelligencer, April 23.]  
The reported attempt of Governor Luna to annex to New Mexico the territory of the United States lying southwest of Dona Ana, may receive some corroboration from the following extract of a letter from a highly respectable gentleman in that territory to a friend in this city. It is dated Santa Fe, February 28th. The writer says:—  
"Governor Luna is understood to intend to take possession of that part of New Mexico which lies below the division of that part of New Mexico which lies below the division by Commissioner Bartlett, and above the line eight miles above El Paso. There are some two or three thou-

said people in the disputed territory, and most of them are to be included within this territory. The Governor does this in order to cast responsibility, deeming it proper, inasmuch as the State of Chihuahua has revolted and thrown off the authority of the Central Government. It is barely possible that circumstances may induce him to change this determination.' 67

If the accounts published yesterday are correct, the writer of the above would seem to be mistaken in supposing that most of the people of the "disputed territory" are "anxious" to become subjects of Governor Lane's annexation.

**City Intelligence.**

**THE WEATHER.** Yesterday was mild and disagreeable.

able; during the forenoon rain fell lightly. The weather gradually cleared off about two o'clock, but the remainder of the day was dark and cloudy, indicating at any moment a shower of rain. During the morning snow fell for a few moments. Last evening at 10 o'clock the thermometer at the Herald office stood at 32° and the wind was zero.

**CONFIRMATION.**—Yesterday the Right Rev. Dr. Wainwright, Provisional Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the State of New York, administered the rite of confirmation to over thirty persons, in St. Jude's Church in Sixth avenue. The church was very well attended by those persons anxious to witness the solemn proceeding. The bishop, in his address to the confirmands, exhorted them to administer the holy rite of confirmation faithfully.

the churches in New York at this season of the year.

**DARKNESS VISIBLE.—DISGRACEFUL TO THE CITY.**—Our city last evening was in a deplorable state of darkness. Scarcely could people see each other in the streets. All this was occasioned by the overcast, cloudy state of the atmosphere, and the fact that the gas companies and the lamp-lighters are not accustomed to light the gas on the nights the moon is supposed to shine by the almanac, and the citizens are kept in the dark. Such management is disgraceful to the city. There ought to be an amendment to the gas contract directing the lamp-lighters to light the gas on the nights the moon shines, but in accordance with the darkness of the night. Last evening afforded a fine opportunity for the assassin

**FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.**—Shortly after five o'clock on Saturday afternoon, a boy, six years of age, named James Wilcox, whose parents reside at No. 549 Eighth avenue, was out at the railroad crossing on the street near the corner of the Eighth Avenue Railroad cars, and, almost instantly killed. One of the wheels passed over the boy's head and smashed it so that the brains were scattered over the track. The accident occurred nearly opposite the station of the boy's parents, and the second car was immediately conveyed to their house, Elsiea Fletcher, driver of the car, was soon afterwards arrested on suspicion of careless driving, and held to await the result of a coroner's inquisition. Yesterday Coroner Gimble held

Witnessed the occurrence, and to being only about twenty feet distant from the lad at the time; the instant he discovered the boy, he made a signal for the driver to stop; the latter, at quickly as possible, applied the brakes, and all in vain; the car went to the top bar, and was unable to stop so in time to prevent the child from being run over; the lad was driving at the rate of about four miles an hour, and did not observe the child, whose attention seemed then to be attracted by one of the cars proceeding up the track. Other testimony which was given corroborated that of Mr. Baker, and the jury rendered the following verdict: That the death of the child was caused by the negligence of the defendant, and that his death by injuries accidentally received by him

run over by one of the Eighth Avenue Railroad cars.<sup>75</sup> On the rendition of the verdict, the driver was discharged from custody. He has been in the employ of the company for some time and has always borne the reputation of being a careful driver.

**SUDDEN DEATH**—John Pounder, a pump maker, who lodged at the public house of Mr. Bunce, corner of Fourth and Catharine streets, was found dead in his room on Saturday last. Coroner O'Donnell held an inquest upon the body, and a verdict of death from congestion of the brain was rendered by the jury.

**ACCIDENTS**—A lad five years of age, named Martin Curran, whose parents reside at No. 109 George street, while

**THE VESEY STREET ACCIDENT.**—An inquest will be held to-day on the body of the man who was killed by falling off the scaffold erected on the outside of the house No. 12 Vesey street. The deceased was only a few days in the country when the accident occurred.

Yesterday, 12-26-97 fifth street, between Second and Third streets, the body of Michael Mead, a child two and a half years of age, whose death was reported to have occurred on Friday last. The child was at play near a stove in the kitchen, when a kettle of boiling water, which was standing upon the stove, was upset by the child, and the contents of the kettle fell upon him, scalding him in a dangerous manner. A verdict of accidental death was rendered by the jury.

OBSEQUES OF WILLIAM C. LEAN.—In accordance with a general notice, the members of the Light Guard assembled at their Armory, in Lafayette Hall, yesterday, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to their companion in arms, Mr. William C. Lean.

The funeral took place from No. 114 West Twenty-sixth street, and the remains of the deceased, and was attended by a large number of his friends and acquaintances. Mr. Leam was a member of the New York bar at the time of his death. His remains were deposited in the Second Street Cemetery.

**FIRE.**—The alarm at three o'clock yesterday was occasioned by a bed, in the third story of No. 37 Hester street, taking fire from some sparks which had blown from the New York street window. The fire was discovered by the inmates and suppressed before much damage was done to the building.

Another fire broke out yesterday morning in the attic of No. 9 Franklin street, but it was extinguished with

The alarm at nine o'clock last night was caused by the chimney of a dwelling house in Fellows street catching fire. Several engine companies were in prompt attendance, but the fire was extinguished without their assistance.

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**The Weather.**

A letter from Plainfield, Hampshire county, Mass., dated in the past week, says:—"The ground is white with snow, and looks like winter with us."

The Pittsburg (N. Y.) Republican says:—"The snow in the woods, ten or fifteen miles west of this village, must, at this urgent juncture, be a great relief."

deep—the heavy fall on Wednesday night having added a foot to it.”

The Washington papers inform us that the people there enjoyed regular April weather last Saturday, viz.: heavy clouds, wind, lightning, showers, a rainbow, and calm.

BLACK SNOW.—A correspondent at Walpole, N. H., writing to the Boston Journal, says:—“We have had in some parts of this town, and in the adjoining towns, a few days ago, what we call a remarkable occurrence, viz.: a fall of black snow.”

The thunder-storm of Thursday night was succeeded by warm showers in the morning, and vegetation began at once to show signs of an early and vigorous start.

The Cleveland Plaindealer of 223, says:—"These warm and numerous mornings are wonderfully provocative of a vigorous and unrelaxing merrily, except 'sting fever.' Lastitude folds you in its dreamy arms. Lastitude gives the lethargic draught of sleep to refresh. But it does not refresh."

The Boston Light Guard, Captain McKim, have erected in their armory a subscription box to aid the erection of the Washington Monument—a good example for other corps to follow.

**Court Calendars—This Day,**

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**SURBOROUGH COURTS.—(Two Branches).—Motions.**  
**SURBOROUGH COURT.—First Branch.**—Nov. 28th, 1883.  
 447, 29, 658, 476, 239, 493, 210, 1,485, 21, 140, 642, 433,  
 140. Part Second.—Adjourned to Tuesday.  
**SURBOROUGH COURT.—(Two Branches).—Nov. 23rd, 1883.**  
 192, 182, 202, 330, 14, 238, 270, 284, 290, 52, 57, 46, 33, 86,  
 226, 234, 259, 12, 15, 143, 175, 256, 100, 590, 114, 38, 84,  
 238, 184, 204, 271, 314, 316, 325, 310, 297, 80, 275, 806,  
 237, 435, 250, 8, 35, 38, 112, 138, 134, 140, 943, 335, 210,  
 207.

**OTHER AND TERMINAL.—This court will be held.**